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| address and citizenship are as stated below | next to my name; I believe I am the |
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| claimed and for which a patent is sought of | on the invention entitled Process for |
| granulating powders of thermoplastic Po | olymers under improved economic |
| conditions the specification of which [X] | is attached hereto [] was filed on |
| as Serial No. | and was amended on |
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| identified specification, including the claims, a | is amended by any amendment referred |
| to above; and I acknowledge the duty to disclo | se information which is material to the |
| examination of this application in accordan | nce with Title 37, Code of Federal |
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